

Minutes of the March 16, 2023 meeting of the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission.

Location: City Chambers, City Hall. Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Marnie MacAlpine

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Marnie MacAlpine, Emily Cherniack, Mike McAteer, Alexandria Christmas

ALSO, PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER ROOM: Licensing Administrator Naomi Libran, City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher, Captain David Betz, Officer Nicole McLaughlin and Councilor Leo Robinson.

- 1) Commissioner MacAlpine asked for a motion to accept the revised minutes of the February 13, 2023, Cherniack motioned to adopt, Christmas seconded and vote unanimous.
- 2) CLERKS UPDATE: City solicitor asked for a motion to elect chair and vice chair of Licensing Commission. Mike McAteer re-elected Marnie MacAlpine as Chair, and Emily Cherniack as Vice Chair: motioned to approve, McAteer seconded and vote unanimous.

City Solicitor requested a motion to extend the Pandemic Rules for outdoor dining, takeout and alcohol. MacAlpine suggested the date be extended from December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, motioned to adopt.

Special Events: Calendar is available and application is live for community to schedule their event.

- 1) Public Hearing to consider an Amusement & Entertainment License application for a TV for Sabor de mi Tierra Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Sabor de mi Tierra at 162 Park Street, Chelsea, MA. Owner is requesting a TV for the menu and some music. They have been in business for ten years and just bought Los Olivos at IOA Central Avenue, Chelsea, MA. MacAlpine opened public speaking portion, no one spoke, and therefore, closed public speaking portion. McAteer motion to approved, Cherniack & MacAlpine seconded and vote is unanimous.
- 2) Public Hearing to consider an Amusement & Entertainment License application for a TV for Los Olivos, Inc. d/b/a Los Olivos at IOA Central Avenue, Chelsea, MA. New owners (see above), would like to add a TV for the menu and some music. They will be doing some inside remodel, however that will be in the future. MacAlpine opened public speaking portion, no one spoke, and therefore, closed public speaking portion. McAteer motion to approved, Cherniack & MacAlpine seconded and vote is unanimous.
- 3) Public Hearing to consider a Transfer of a Wine and Malt Beverages License application (on premises) from Las Pupusas del Chino, Inc. to Rancho Las Pupusas, Inc. at 36 Second Street, Chelsea, MA. The original owner of the Wine & Malt License has passed away, her husband, Gustavo Serna would like it transferred into his name. They have also moved locations, therefore the transfer paperwork is incorrect. Mike McAteer has a concern about where the bathroom is located that patrons have to walk thru the kitchen to use the restroom. Petitioners were requesting to extend Hours to 1:00am. Because of the past issues, the commission granted a temporary license for six months at the 11 am to 11 pm time. If there are no issues, we will revisit in 6 months. MacAlpine opened public speaking portion, no one spoke, and therefore, closed public speaking portion. MacAlpine motion to approved, Christmas seconded and vote is unanimous.
- 4) Public Hearing for the public to comment on the issuance of more Marijuana Retail Licenses throughout Chelsea. MacAlpine opened public speaking portion. Robert Demauro, Sr. & Robert Demauro, Jr. spoke and had some concerns about the congestion that this will cause regarding parking and traffic. There is no parking in some of the area's that the Marijuana Dispensaries are located. They think some of the licenses are too close to schools. Judith Garcia spoke and requested that the committee considers giving licenses to Moral, Responsible, and Diverse Chelsea Residents. . MacAlpine closed public speaking portion. City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher assured that no criteria has been changed to have these establishments.

- 5) Public Hearing to consider a Retail Marijuana Establishment License application for DMS Trinity, LLC d/b/a Trinity Herbals at 260-270 Second Street, Chelsea, MA. Family owned is business, Co- Owner has 10 years retail experience and his own experiences, smoking and research. Cherinack is concerned that they came up with the 40% of diverse people. Attorney Sheila Grant is representing them. Employment application is already on web site, they are ready to go. MacAlpine opened public speaking portion, Resident Ruth Daris spoke about how she is concerned for the neighborhood. McAteer motion to approved, Christmas seconded and vote is unanimous for a provisional license.

- 6) Public Hearing to consider a Retail Marijuana Establishment License application for House of Ermias, LLC d/b/a House of Ermias at 267 Broadway, Chelsea, Ola & Akeem presented their build outs, resident meetings, security team; they will have four dedicated parking spots and are making more. The financials that were submitted to the CCC did not make it to the packet that went out, approved provisionally providing all financials are submitted and approved by the commission. MacAlpine opened public speaking portion, Jerry Sneirson spoke on their behalf, owns the business next door and has no issue with the license. Also, Judith Garcia, spoke on their behalf as known persons to her and in the community, closed public speaking portion. Cherniack motion to approve, McAteer seconded and vote is unanimous for provisionai license.

- 7) Public Hearing to consider a Retail Marijuana Establishment License application for GVLP Corp. d/b/a Vida Verde at 320 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA. Gladys Vega, lifelong resident with several partners, would like to build out Russo's Tux for a dispensary. She also owns one in Somerville, the Chelsea (resident) employees will train there for 6 months before they start in Chelsea. Knocking down half the building will give them 16 additional parking spots, and they have held the required neighborhood meetings. Chelsea Licensing is waiting for the CCC provisional license, however the commission granted a provisional license on the condition they receive it from the CCC. MacAlpine opened public speaking portion, Judith Garcia spoke for the petitioners. Cherniack motion to provisionally approved, Christmas seconded and vote is unanimous.

Next Meeting: April 13, 2023

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm

Approved: April 13, 2023

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